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CAL FIRE Crews Prepared for Possible Flooding

Sacramento - With the potential for heavy rains, CAL FIRE crews are on stand-by for possible flooding and mudslides in and around areas burned by this summer's devastating wildfires. Over the past few months, CAL FIRE officials have worked with state multi-agency emergency assessment teams (SEAT) to evaluate severely burned areas for possible threats to life and property from potential flooding or debris flows.

As the rain and possibility of flooding approaches, CAL FIRE crews are ready to respond to any flooding, debris clean up or rescues that may occur. CAL FIRE already has crews assigned to the Yorba Linda area in Orange County where the Freeway Complex burned over 30,000 acres earlier this month. CAL FIRE will be closely monitoring the weather and will respond to any flooding requests from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES).

CAL FIRE is best known for its work of protecting life and property from wildfires, but the department has a long tradition of responding to flood preparation, debris clean up, and rescues. In 1997, rains devastated California by swelling rivers and lakes, collapsing levees, and forcing entire communities to evacuate. At the request of OES, CAL FIRE committed over 2,500 personnel to help sandbag public and private property, remove flood and storm debris, and help save lives.

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